

Summer Programs - Virginia District

Monday, June 19 - Saturday, August 26

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Location	Map Code	Program	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Toms Cove Visitor Center	A	Free as a Bird! * (2 hours, 1 mile)	7:30 am					7:30 am	
Naturalist Shack	B	Hook, Line & Sinker (2 hours, ¼ mile)			8:00 am				
Lot #3	C	Marine Explorers (2 hours, ¼ mile)	8:00 am			8:00 am			
Herbert H. Bateman Education Center	E	Marine Expedition! * (2 hours)				1:00 pm			
Herbert H. Bateman Education Center	E	Pedal Power * (2 hours, 7 miles)	9:00 am			6:00 pm	6:00 pm	9:00 am	
Naturalist Shack	B	Kid's Beach * (1 hour, ½ mile)			9:30 am		9:30 am		
Naturalist Shack	B	Life on the Edge (1 hour, ½ mile)		9:30 am			10:30 am		
Lifeguarded Beach	C	Surf Rescue Demonstration (½ hour)	Please check at the lifeguard stands for schedule.						
Naturalist Shack	B	The "Sensual" Marsh (1 hour, ½ mile)			10:30 am				10:30 am
Toms Cove Visitor Center	A	Under the Boardwalk (45 minutes, ¼ mile)		10:30 am		10:30 am			2:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	A	Aquarium Talk (½ hour)	1:30 pm	1:30 pm		1:30 pm		1:30 pm	1:30 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	A	Mini & Junior Ranger Awards (15 minutes)	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
Toms Cove Visitor Center	A	Creature Feature (15 minutes)	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	
South of Life-guarded Beach	D	Beach Campfire (45 minutes)		8:30 pm					8:30 pm
Naturalist Shack	B	Night Hike (45 minutes, ¾ mile)	8:30 pm					8:30 pm	

- Advance Registration Required. Register at the Toms Cove Visitor Center.**
- These programs are especially popular with children.**
- Wheelchair accessible programs.**

Special Note: The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in interpretation & recreation management in the Toms Cove area. The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides many other activities throughout the refuge. Contact the Herbert H. Bateman Center for program details.

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Free as a Bird! - (Advance registration required-limit 25.) Have you ever wished you could fly? From beginners to experts, join us in a search for some of our feathered friends with the freedom of flight. A limited number of binoculars and bird guides are provided.

Hook, Line & Sinker - If sitting on the beach bores you, you might just get hooked on surf fishing. Designed for those with limited surf fishing experience, this program includes demonstrations of equipment, bait and casting techniques. Equipment is provided, however, actual practice time depends on group size. **Program is limited to those 12 years and older.**

Marine Explorers - Join a ranger and investigate the island from beach to bay. Expect to get wet! **A snug pair of wading shoes is required, no flip-flops.**

Marine Expedition! - (Advance registration for afternoon session is required - limit 20. Prerequisite - Marine Explorers) For the intensely curious, the Marine Explorers program turns into an Expedition in the classroom of the Herbert H. Bateman Education Center. Use field guides, microscopes and your powers of observation to meet the “locals” in person.

Pedal Power - (Advance registration required – limit 10.) B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bike) and use “pedal power” to explore a variety of island habitats. Children under 16 must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult. Due to the long distance, tricycles and bikes with training wheels will not be permitted. **This is a moderate to strenuous adventure!**

Kid's Beach - (Advance registration is required - limit 15. At least one adult companion must accompany.) Little people enjoy the beach as much as big people! This ranger guided activity for 6-12 year olds will encourage fun and learning from a “kid's eye view.” **Hat and sunscreen strongly recommended.**

Life on the Edge - Are you brave enough to explore the edge of the continent? Hold on to your hats, investigate where land meets sea and consider the power of the ocean!

The “Sensual” Marsh - Use your senses to discover the many mysteries of the salt marsh. What sights, smells, sounds, tastes or feelings might you experience here that are found no where else? **Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.**

Under the Boardwalk - What's in bloom? Who made those tracks? Why are the crabs waving at me? You never know what you'll see under the boardwalk!

Aquarium Talk - The marine aquariums in the Toms Cove Visitor Center are just a “drop in the bucket” of the diversity of life surrounding the island. Get a peek at who is swimming around out there with you!

Mini & Junior Ranger Awards - Mini & Junior Rangers planning to attend the 3:00 pm Junior Ranger Awards Ceremony need to turn their completed booklets in to the Toms Cove Visitor Center staff by 2:00 pm. See page 5 for more information.

Creature Feature - Gather 'round the ranger and today's mystery “guest.” Learn the life and lore of a special island or bay resident during this informal discussion.

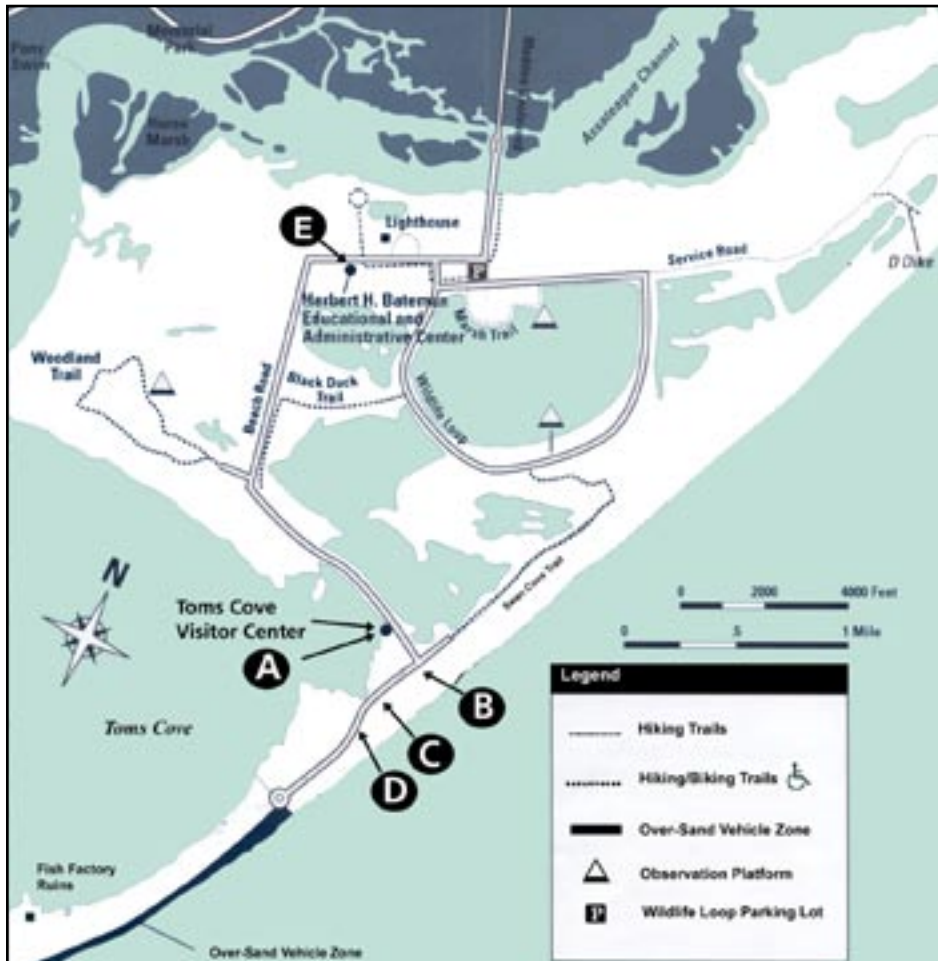
Beach Campfire - A campfire on the beach recreates the mood of days gone by. Join park rangers for a fun and educational program covering a variety of topics on the rich cultural and natural history of Assateague Island. You are welcome to bring marshmallows and roasting sticks. A flashlight and insect repellent are suggested. Meet at the north end of parking lot #5, south of the lifeguarded beach.

Night Hike - Scared of the dark? No need to be! Join a ranger for a leisurely stroll along the surf to experience the beach at night. A flashlight and insect repellent are suggested.

Special Note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult on all programs.

Virginia District Map

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Map Guide

A - Toms Cove Visitor Center

B - Naturalist Shack

C - Lifeguarded Beach

D - Lot #5 - North

E - Herbert H. Bateman Education & Administrative Center